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EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University	Baltimore, MD
M.A. Physics and Astronomy	5/2016
B.S. Physics	5/2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Additional Majors: Mathematics & Applied Mathematics and Statistics– GPA: 3.91/4.0– Departmental and general honors– Dean's list award every semester	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Cambridge, MA
Ph.D. Candidate Physics (Astronomy)	Since 09/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– GPA: 5.0/5.0– Advisor: Professor Ian Crossfield	

MISCELLANEOUS

Computer Skills:	Python, Java, JavaScript, C, C++, Matlab, Mathematica, R, HTML, CSS, \LaTeX , Solid-Works, VBA
Organizations:	Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Pi Sigma, MIT Sidewalk Astrogazers, MIT SEDS
Testing:	Physics GRE - 960/990 (92nd percentile) General GRE - V: 165/170 (95th), Q: 169/170 (97th), W: 5.5/6 (98th)
Other:	Technician class ham radio certified
Teaching:	Tutor, Introductory Physics, Johns Hopkins University 2013-2014 TA, Differential Equations Johns Hopkins University Fall 2015 "The Flat Earth and Debunking Conspiracy Theories", MIT SPLASH 11/19/2017 "Rebiuld", MIT IAP non-credit activity January 2017

PAPERS

- Thomas Essinger-Hileman, et al. "CLASS: the Cosmology Large Angular Scale Surveyor ", *Proc. SPIE* 9153, Millimeter, Submillimeter, and Far-Infrared Detectors and Instrumentation for Astronomy VII, 91531I (July 23, 2014); doi:10.1117/12.2056701
- John W. Appel, et al. "The Cosmology Large Angular Scale Surveyor (CLASS): 38-GHz Detector Array of Bolometric Polarimeters ", *Proc. SPIE* 9153, Millimeter, Submillimeter, and Far-Infrared Detectors and Instrumentation for Astronomy VII, 91531J (July 23, 2014); doi:10.1117/12.2056530
- *Design of the Cosmology Large Angular Scale Surveyor (CLASS) Polarization Modulators*. Master's thesis. Advisor: Tobias Marriage. Unpublished.

EMPLOYMENT & RESEARCH

Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Cambridge, MA
Graduate Student Researcher	09-2017 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Characterizing atmospheres of extra-solar planets via high resolution ground based spectroscopy	
University of Maryland	College Park, MD
Web Developer - Department of Astronomy	12/2016 - 09/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Developer for the Astronomy Workshop Extragalactic project– Design online educational tools to illustrate astronomy concepts	

Optiver US LLC

Derivatives Trader

Chicago, IL

7/2016 - 10/2016

- Worked as high frequency options market maker including options pricing
- Implemented machine-learning techniques to develop trading strategies
- Performed time series analysis of market data

Johns Hopkins University

Research Assistant - Department of Physics and Astronomy

Baltimore, MD

5/2013 - 5/2016

- Constructed variable delay polarization modulator for microwave band telescope
- Wrote master's thesis on telescope design and physics of Cosmic Microwave Background
- Developed analog-to-digital sensor system

CERN

Research Assistant - CMS Experiment

Geneva, CH

1/2015 - 5/2015

- University of Michigan Semester at CERN program scholar
- Performed statistical analysis to discriminate production methods of Higgs boson
- Contributed to statistical software package used on the CMS experiment

Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab

Technical Intern - Applied Concepts and Technology Group

Laurel, MD

5/2014 - 8/2014

- Developed and tested of feature estimation algorithms
- Improved graphical UI of large scale simulation environment
- integrated radar model into simulation environment